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G "INVESTIGATION CONCERNING EARL EVERETT RAY,  
DECEASED UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY"

"EASTERN AIRLINES  
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E "INFORMATION FROM  
MRS. GLADYS MEEHAN" 44-1987-759

E "THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.; INFORMATION  
FROM MRS. JESSIE KILGRAS,  
PENFIELD, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 13, 1967"

"MRS. VIOLA V. BORYS"

6/19/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/18/68, WILBERT KENNEDY, Laboratory Aide, Radio Isotope Section, Wood Veterans Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin, furnished the following information concerning instant case:

KENNEDY, a recovered alcoholic, with a record of numerous arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that approximately 9/27/67, he was staying at the Hudson Hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi. He stated that he occupied an upstairs front room on the southeast corner of the hotel, and that the room directly west of him was occupied by an individual he described as a muscle man for the Klan. He also stated that an individual known to him as ALICE (LNU) occupied the room west of the Klansman's room. He stated that while staying at the hotel, he was employed at Oberlin Radio and TV Company as a repair technician.

KENNEDY stated that on approximately 9/27/67, he invited a man known to him only as ALICE (LNU), and who was reportedly to be a guitar player, into his room for a glass of beer. He stated that while he and ALICE were drinking beer, they noticed a large black automobile, which appeared to be an executive limousine, drive up in

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front of the Holders Hotel. They saw a man get out of the car and heard him running up the stairs of the Hotel toward HEEDERIK's room. HEEDERIK stated that at about this time RICH put a headlock on HEEDERIK and whispered, "Make it look real." At about this point, the man who was in the black automobile entered HEEDERIK's room and said, "RICH, leave him alone." HEEDERIK stated that at this point RICH and the unidentified man from the automobile left the room together, and he, HEEDERIK, has never seen either of them since. HEEDERIK stated that recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in which RAY was wearing glasses as on Canadian passport photo have caused him to believe the man in the black automobile was, in fact, JAMES EARL RAY. HEEDERIK offered the following descriptions:

1) RICH LNU

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Sparse, light brown-reddish; combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Age	Approximately 29 years old

2) Man in black automobile

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Glasses	Hornrimmed
Age	30 years old

HEEDERIK stated he never reported the above-described incident to anyone in Gulfport, Mississippi, and unless he had seen the photographs of RAY in the paper, he would not have reported it at all.

DELBERT HEEDERIK is described as follows:

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Race  
Sex  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Misc.

White  
Male  
7/12/15  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Chronic alcoholic between  
1958 and present;  
presently practicing member  
of Alcoholics Anonymous  
and considered a recovered  
alcoholic

NEEDERIK also stated that being involved in radio and television work as he was, he had a special radio antenna and equipment in his automobile. He also used to spend many hours sitting by the window of the hotel with binoculars just watching the general public. NEEDERIK said that for these reasons he was probably considered a suspicious character, and for that reason believed that RICH (LNU) was an FBI Agent or some other type of Agent who was assigned to surveil him.

LEAD

JACKSON DIVISION

At Gulfport, Mississippi

Will at Holders Hotel, attempt to determine occupants of above-described rooms during pertinent period and evaluate significance of above information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/12/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

## AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DAVID P. HURLEY on 6/10/68.

DUDLEY RAMON, Identification Clerk, Gulfport  
Police Department, advised they have the following  
identification record for DELBERT RAYMOND HEEDERIK, who  
was described as a white male, born [redacted]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7/29/64	Drunk and Vagrancy	\$15.00 fine on drunk charge and Vagrancy Nol Processed
2/14/66	Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, test showed 18% alcohol	Charge reduced to reckless driving and fined \$110.00
6/21/67	Improper license	Charge dismissed

Mr. MIKE OBERLIE, son of the owner of Oberlie's  
Radio and TV Company, Pass Road, advised he is personally  
acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK who, according to their  
records, was employed by them from November, 1966, until  
September, 1967. He was a good repair technician; however,  
he was an alcoholic and when they were rushed and working  
fast, he could not stand the pressure and would become shaky  
and start drinking. He said the reason they tolerated DELBERT

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HEEDERIK as long as they did was the fact that his father felt sorry for him. He said that one day he did not show up for work and that was the last they ever saw him. They received information from some source that he was deceased.

Mr. OBERLIE advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by HEEDERIK and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. EVIE HOLDER, owner and manager of Holder's Hotel, 1801 22nd Avenue, advised she is personally acquainted with DELBERT HEEDERIK and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of 4/26/67. She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking.

Mrs. HOLDER further advised that she had located records showing that RICHARD KARR occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of 5/9/67. This room would have been two rooms down the hall from HEEDERIK's room.

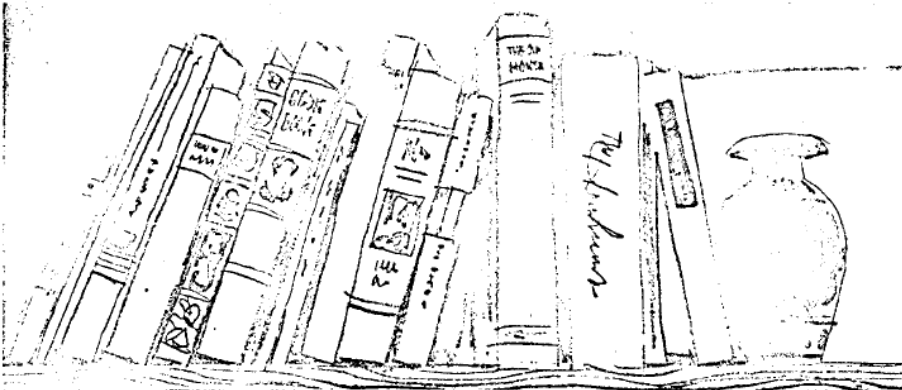
She recalled that KARR was living at the hotel the same time as HEEDERIK and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

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Complaints were received from other guests as to their misconduct. She further recalled that RICHARD KARR played a guitar during the time that he lived at the hotel. She had no information as to KARR's residence or employment at this time but did recall that he was originally from Beaumont, Mississippi, as that is her home town also. She said she did not know him or his parents during the time she lived in Beaumont, but during conversation with her he mentioned that he was from Beaumont and this fact stuck in her mind.

Inasmuch as RICHARD KARR's current whereabouts is not known at this time and since HEEDERIK's identification of JAMES EARL RAY was based upon a brief meeting with an unknown individual who did not identify himself approximately one year before the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared in the paper, no further efforts are being made by the Jackson Division to locate KARR and attempt to identify the person with KARR in HEEDERIK's room, UACB. The fact that HEEDERIK was at the time an alcoholic and acquaintances of his at that time did not consider him reliable is of significance in evaluating his information.

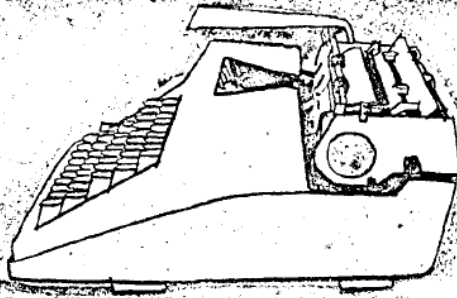
One copy of this communication is being furnished the Milwaukee Division for their information since it is possible they may have further contacts with DELBERT HEEDERIK.



FROM:

Eric A. Wagner  
& Chas Martin  
Inspectors of Petroleum  
P.O. Box 19465  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# writing talent test



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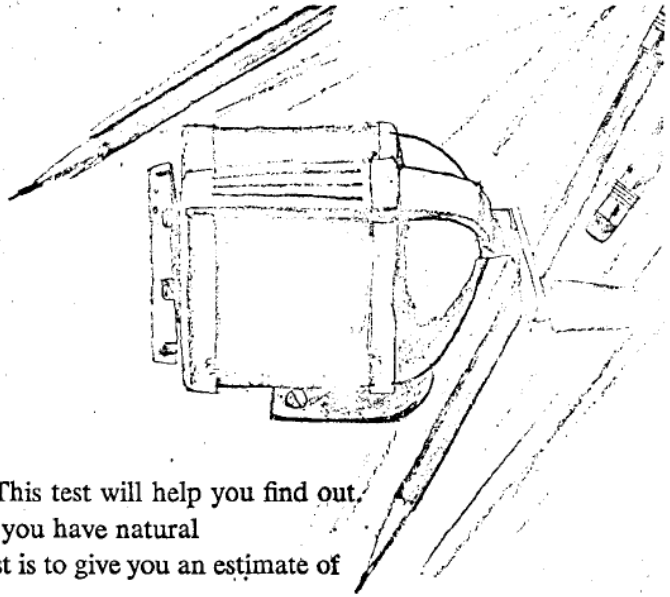
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# How to take the Palmer Writing Test



Were you born with writing talent? This test will help you find out. You can learn to be a good writer if you have natural writing talent. The purpose of this test is to give you an estimate of your writing capabilities.

All you need for the test is a pencil or pen. There is no time limit for completing the test. We do suggest, however, that you try to finish it in one sitting.

We will be less concerned with your grammar and punctuation than with your powers of observation and imagination. We are looking for the colorful word or phrase, the bit of imagery that suggests the potential of a fine writer.

We will grade your test and return it to you as soon as possible with our frank, expert opinion of your chances for success as a writer.

Now, before you start the test, remember that all professional writers had to make a beginning somewhere... just as you are now doing. This test can be an interesting challenge... enjoy it.

## **IMPORTANT:**

Mail this test today!  
No postage stamp necessary.  
To mail, use the gummed  
sticker to seal the pages shut.

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## PART A

In the following paragraph from a published story, we have left out certain words. Read the selection carefully. Think about the mood and then write in the word that you think belongs in each blank.

"She CLUTCHED her faded chenille robe around her as she EDGED toward the door in her CHEAP slippers. The little dark eyes STARED suspiciously out of her PLAIN, gray-crowned face. She seemed to ignore the TATTERED rose-strewn wallpaper, the moth-eaten rag rugs and the white iron bed."

## PART B



Does one of these pictures suggest a story to you? It could be serious or humorous, fact or fiction. Write 100-150 words about one of them. Or, if you prefer, tell of an experience you've had—one you think will interest a reader. Do your final version in the space allowed on this page and the next.

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## PART C

In 50 words, approximately, tell us why you want to become a writer. Relax and be frank. We want to get to know you and your expectations.

BECAUSE, AS I GET OLDER, I BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THAT WHICH KEEPS PEOPLE GOING, THEIR DESIRES, FEARS AND HOPES. HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE MOST WRETCHED OF HUMAN BREASTS. THOUGH I AM NOT WRETCHED, SUCH EMOTIONS ARE A MERE REFLECTION OF WHAT KEEPS LIFE IN ME.

MEDIOCRITY IS A STATE WITH WHICH I HAVE LIVED SINCE OLD ENOUGH TO COUNT, AND WRITING WOULD PROVIDE A MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM SUCH STATE. I'D LIKE TO WRITE FOR TV, PORTRAITS OF STRANGE CHARACTERS & THEIR ACTIONS, CHARACTERS THAT COULD BE ANYBODY, EVEN MYSELF, ~~THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN~~ ~~THEIR SECRET OF~~ ~~THAT THE~~ ~~OF~~ ~~IN ME~~



The information you give us on this page will be extremely helpful in judging your ability and your chances of success in the writing field. Please answer each question carefully.

## PART D

In this test we are looking for evidence of creative imagination. We'd like you to complete each of the phrases below with an appropriate word image of your own. Try to avoid worn phrases like "quiet as a mouse" and similar clichés. Let your imagination run free.

1. Colorful as A SPRING FASHION PARADE.
2. Explosive as A HEAD-ON COLLISION OF TWO JETPLANES
3. Mild as AN INDIAN SUMMER'S BREEZE
4. Frightening as THE UNSEEN PRESENCE <sup>OF</sup> THE UN-DEAD
5. Cold as THE ICY WASTES OF KAMCHATKA

## PART E



A writer chooses his words carefully. To test your ability with words, we want you to *circle* those words from the following list which seem to describe the old woman pictured in this photo.

sinister

chubby

jolly

willowy

sinewy

egotistical

genial

pleasant

warm

conceited

grim

dour

sweet

stout

friendly

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June 21, 1968

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AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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OO:ME

The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUBRY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewritten name ERIC A. WAUGH, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

From a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pamphlet under Parts A, C, and D,

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together with background information furnished by WISOM, the possibility exists that some may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handwriting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handwriting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by ERIC A. WISOM, with known handwriting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

**LEADS:**

**NEW ORLEANS DIVISION**

**AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:**

1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No. 3, (upstairs) 2026 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the usual occupants thereof.
2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleum, P.O. Box 19465, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

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**determine whether he was acquainted with the ERIC A. WATSON, whose name appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. WATSON or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Orleans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).**

Dear Sir.

I have just return from New Orleans La. where I spent three weeks at the Address 2928 Tulane Avenue. New Orleans apartment no 3 upstairs I found in that apartment a writing talent test that a Mr. Eric A Waugh took, this test consisted 4 part test. I could not while reading this test disregard a great deal of similarity of what I have read in news media that this man could possible be Eric Gault. I will give the Background information he gave of himself on the test. Date was 22nd. March 68. Eric A Waugh age 32 Address only Tulane Avenue Address was not complete. occupation petroleum Inspector Single. Interested in writing 3 weeks no study of writing. Read regularly yes

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what magazines do you read? was  
Life, Times, Newsweek & the Australian  
poet

what are your hobbies? people & listening  
to them - Tennis

Quits to study each week - was 25  
30 hours week. Certain of phrase was  
interesting to note for example

creative imagination part of this test  
game - frightening #5 <sup>(HIS ANSWER)</sup> The  
unseen presence of the un Dead

part C - write 50 words why you  
want to become a writer.

His Answer

Because, as I get older, I become more  
familiar with that which keeps people  
going, their desires, fears and hopes. Hope  
Springs Eternal in the most wretched  
of Human Breast. Though I am not (over)

switches, such Emotions are a mere  
Reflection of what ~~the~~ keep life in me.

Mediocrity is a state with  
which I have lived since old enough  
to count, and writing would provide  
a means of escape from such state

I'd like to write for T.V. portraits  
of strange characters & their actions,  
characters that could be anybody.  
Even my self. ~~End~~ Although he  
wrote 19 more words and scratched  
them, they are not readable.

His Address from Eric A Waugh to Chas  
Martin Inspector of petroleum P.O. Box  
19465 New Orleans La 70119. The writing  
that was Palmer Waters School. I do have  
this book.

(over)

This may in no way be connected  
with the case. - but it did stir  
my imagination. That is why I give  
this to you

My Name,  
Aubrey Eue Chandler  
Route one Igou Pike  
Scottsboro, Ala.  
phone 574-1058

Reside with my  
father's mother. Mrs Mrs Aubrey  
M. Chandler Same Address

P.S. The Date he wrote this, his name, Age  
ansure to parts of test is why I'm sending a part  
of test not all of it.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/20/68

Date

Private WILLIAM DENNIS HARRY, ASN US [REDACTED], assigned to Company G, Third Battalion, Student Brigade, U. S. Army Southeastern Signal School, (USASSS), Fort Gordon, Georgia, advised he has been assigned to this unit at Fort Gordon since February 8, 1968, and his home address is 3498 Bosworth Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY related that on April 6, 1968, he boarded a United Airlines flight #396Y from Atlanta, Georgia, to Cleveland, Ohio, leaving Atlanta at approximately 6:30 PM, as well as he could recall, and arriving Cleveland around 9:00 PM. He pointed out he has made several trips since then to Cleveland, and for that reason his mind is confused as to the exact departure and arrival time on this flight on April 6, 1968.

HARRY continued that after boarding the plane at Atlanta, he observed a man to take a seat about six or seven rows ahead of him, sitting on the right side of the plane, HARRY was seated on the left side, and noticed that this man bore a resemblance to the composite sketch being shown at the time on television of the fugitive who later turned out to be JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he does not recall that this man was carrying a briefcase or any other article and after taking his seat, the man did not appear to pay any attention to anyone else around the plane. However, he noticed that as the man came aboard, he seemed to look around at the various passengers already seated before taking his own seat.

HARRY said he did not pay much attention to this man en route to Cleveland, does not recall if he talked to anyone who may have been seated beside him, and did not observe any further activity by this man until he left the plane at Cleveland. HARRY said that he had to get a couple of dress uniforms before leaving the plane at Cleveland, and this man left before he did. Consequently, HARRY did not see where he went after leaving the plane.

On 6/18/68 at Fort Gordon, Georgia 44-1987-Sub-C-1062  
by SA CARLTON M. DILLARD / bb 6/18/68  
Savannah 44-1768  
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According to HARRY, this man was about 35 - 37 years old, his weight and height he would not estimate because he paid more attention to the man after he was seated than before, was dressed in a gray sport coat with white shirt and dark tie, with dark trousers. He did not wear a hat and his hair appeared to be of medium length, and was probably brown. He said the man did not appear nervous to his recollection.

HARRY further stated he did not pay any attention to this man's left ear to detect any difference between the left and right ears.

HARRY related that after he reached Cleveland, he discussed this matter with his mother, but he reached the conclusion that this would not have been the fugitive because he did not believe the fugitive would have gone back to Atlanta so soon after the murder of Dr. KING. Consequently, he forgot the matter, thinking that it would not be important, and would not have reported it had not his mother contacted the FBI at Cleveland.

HARRY continued that he had made connections with the United Airlines flight #296Y from Augusta, Georgia, by Delta flight #423 to Atlanta on the same date.

HARRY said that he, prior to entering military service, was a compositor and Linotype operator for the Mansfield News Journal Company, Mansfield, Ohio, for about ten years and for about seven or eight weeks immediately prior to entering military service with the "Toledo Blade", Toledo, Ohio.

HARRY concluded by saying that he could not make a positive statement as to whether this individual was JAMES EARL RAY, but could only say that it might have been.



6/20/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-365)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)  
MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Savannah, 6/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for Cleveland are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with Private WILLIAM DENNIS HARRY at Fort Gordon, Ga., 6/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of above-described FD-302.

LEAD

CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will, unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin, check the passenger list of United Airlines Flight #396Y from Atlanta, Ga., to Cleveland, Ohio, for 4/6/68, to determine if any of the passengers on that flight were traveling under the name or known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI DC

Dear Mr Kennedy

I am writing you something  
I have never told before in fear  
of having my name in the paper's  
or on T.V. As I am now married and  
have 2 children, I also have  
heart condition. I can't spell too good  
But hope you can make this out. I am  
not a nut and I am not after  
anything, And just so you won't think  
I'm lying, I will not give you  
my name. But if my story checks  
out I would be glad to talk to you  
As I am a Sp. Con. And I know you  
get all kinds of letters, I am a  
little hazy about it all now. But  
It may surprise you to know I  
tried to make a deal in 1960 while  
I was still on rec. cell in the Mo  
State Pen at Jeff City Mo. with a  
F.B.I man, And I told him I had  
been contacted in K-City about  
a Assassin plot. But that I had  
torn the deal down. This F.B.I man  
was either out of Jeff City or St-Louis  
I think his name was Grant

As he was writing everything I  
said down on a big pad, I think  
It was Sept of 1960, It should be  
on the visitors records at the Pen  
What F.B.I. man seen, who, Otherwise  
It would be my word agin his.  
that is why I want It checked out  
befor I talk to anyone. For if he didn't  
tell them at his office, Everyone would  
say I was lying, And if It was  
ever knew I was going to talk or had  
all ready talked to you or the F.B.I my  
life or my family wouldn't be worth  
2¢. As I have gone straight since  
I've been out, And I'm happy with my  
home life. But maybe you will Check  
my story out, and I will Contact you  
again as soon as I think you may  
want to talk to me.

I Remain

P.S. I know the F.B.I can find me,  
But at least I'll know they checked  
and found I wasn't lying. And I have  
nothing to hide.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/11/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROWEN B. AYERS and IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 7/8/68, MARY MOODY, Secretary to Warden HAROLD SWENSON, said a bound book reflecting visits by attorneys, law enforcement officers and others on official business for September, 1960 had been located. She noted that no regular visit record is maintained, except in individual prisoner's files and these are for persons authorized by the prison to visit inmates and these records do not apply to persons on official business.

On 7/9/68, the Control Center, Official Visitors' Book was examined. There was no person by the name of GRAY making a visit to a prisoner during the months of August, September, or October, 1960.

Although there was no record of a visit by an FBI Agent to a prisoner in September of 1960, entries are not always made where officer is known to prison official.

An examination was made, in the Classification Office, of prisoners received. They are given a book number in consecutive order as they are received. A total of 231 inmates were received into the penitentiary during the months of August and September of 1960.

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Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Classification Director, said the average inmate stays in "receiving" or "classification section" from four to six weeks as a general rule, but he said some conditions might arise which would result in turning a prisoner into the population before four weeks and also some reason might exist for not completing their classification in six weeks.

Senior Resident Agent SA ROWEN B. AYERS and SA THOMAS H. WEAVER, assigned to Jefferson City Resident Agency during pertinent period have no recollection of such an interview and no SA GRAY has been assigned to the Kansas City Division. It is more likely that the writer was interviewed by an agency other than the FBI.

In view of the admitted hazy recollection and above facts, it does not appear that an indices search of all inmates received during the three month period would be warranted.

UACB no further action being taken by the Kansas City Division regarding this letter.

July 2, 1968

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, Kansas City**

**FROM: Director, FBI**

**MURKIN**

Enclosed are two copies of an anonymous letter forwarded to the Bureau by the office of Senator Edward Kennedy.

Since James Earl Ray was incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary in 1966, you should make appropriate efforts to identify the FBI Agent "Gray" and/or the prisoner and endeavor to resolve this matter and advise the Bureau of details with appropriate recommendations if warranted.

**Handle promptly.**

**Enclosures (3)**

① - SAC, Memphis (for info) (Enclosure - copy of incoming)

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Inasmuch as WALTER PACKARD, JR., Penfield, N. Y.,  
is obviously a mental case, Buffalo should not bother to  
interview him UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

On 7/3/68, Mr. WALTER PACKARD, JR., 26 Raymond Road, Penfield, New York, Telephone 586-2276, contacted SA ROBERT W. DAWSON by long distance telephone and advised that he had some observations concerning captioned matter. PACKARD admitted that he had been a former patient at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, inasmuch as he had been mentally disturbed. He had undergone numerous electric shock treatments and these treatments had "really blasted my memory".

PACKARD stated that he is studying for advancing academic degree; and based upon his education and upon his experience in the past, it is his belief that an intelligent properly trained individual could have programed the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. into the mind of JAMES EARL RAY through chemotherapy or subliminal processes. He further believed that RAY could have been programed to have left evidence such as dropping the gun and could have been programed to break down and involve some innocent party rather than the

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person who was actually controlling him.

PACKARD stated he had discussed this theory with Dr. JOHN ERTLE, who is a Doctor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Ottawa, and with other educated individuals who believed that the KING assassination could have been carried out in such a manner.

PACKARD desired to be interviewed more fully concerning the above and wished that an Agent possessing scientific background could conduct such interview.

It is suggested that BU may desire to interview PACKARD in the event there is no information available to indicate such interview would be undesirable.